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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for filing an Appeal Brief in connection with the above-captioned application be extended from the date of receipt of the Notice of Appeal, on April 29, 2003, for four months, to and including October 29, 2003. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted herewith.

Enclosed is a check for \$740.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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